

## Message Text

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ACTION EA-10

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P 110836Z APR 75  
FM AMEMBASSY SEOUL  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 9375

C O N F I D E N T I A L SEOUL 2466

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT, KS  
SUBJECT: FATHER SINNOTT

REF: A. SEOUL 1847; B. STATE 056341

1. FOREIGN MINISTER INFORMED AMBASSADOR THAT AT APRIL 10 NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING JUSTICE MINISTER PROPOSED THAT VISA RENEWAL FOR FATHER SINNOTT BE DENIED. FONMIN SAID HE ARGUED STRENUOUSLY AGAINST THIS ACTION PARTICULARLY ON BASIS ADVERSE REACTION IN US AT PRESENT JUNCTURE AND DANGER THAT SINNOTT WOULD BE MORE EFFECTIVE OUTSIDE ROK THAN WITHIN.

2. AFTER CONSIDERABLE DEBATE WITH NSC "HAWKS" PRIME MINISTER (WHO CHAIRED MEETING) DECIDED TO SET ASIDE ANY ACTION ON SINNOTT FOR THE PRESENT.

3. AMBASSADOR STRONGLY URGED FONMIN TO RENEW SINNOTT'S VISA, REINFORCING HIS ARGUMENTATION FOR THIS ACTION.  
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